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SUBMARINE FREIGHTER IS HOME

Deutschland Docks at Home Port and Receives Greetings of Thousands—Bremen Reported Close in

By Carl W. Ackerman

Berlin, Aug. 24.—The German commerce submarine Deutschland eluded at least eight English warships and a whole fleet of American fishing schooners, in the employ of the allies, when she dashed out to sea from the Virginia capes on the night of August 2, it was learned here today.

Great crowds greeted Captain Koenig and his crew when the first submersible to cross the Atlantic returned to her home port at Bremen last night.

Captain Koenig had no fear of the allied warship patrol when he steamed southward from Baltimore, but he had not counted on the American schooners hired to help trap his vessel.

Passing out of the Virginia capes, the Deutschland encountered a great number of these schooners, lying just outside Chesapeake bay. The schooners had dropped their nets, ostensibly to fish.

Their real purpose, Koenig said, was to make soundings for the Deutschland, aiming to signal allied warships if the submarine plunged through their nets.

Captain Koenig telegraphed the Ozean company, owners of his vessel, that the American government observed strict neutrality throughout the Deutschland's stay.

Both the British and French warships respected American rights and made no attempt to approach within the three-mile zone in their efforts to trap the U boat. How many French warships were engaged in the patrol he did not know.

During the whole journey of 4,200 miles the Deutschland was submerged only for 110 miles. The weather was splendid at the beginning of the voyage, but became stormy later. The blow ceased as the Deutschland approached the English coast, but some difficulty was experienced because of the heavy fog. The necessity for feeling her way slowly in the thick mists delayed the Deutschland's arrival several days.

Upon entering the North sea the submarine encountered severe storms. She proved that she is an excellent sea craft, her engines working perfectly despite the fact that she was being tossed by mountainous waves.

But few vessels were sighted and not a single iceberg was encountered. The Deutschland submerged when another ship appeared on the horizon and her captain expressed doubt that she had been seen by any other vessel.

It was 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the Deutschland anchored in the Weser river, after a short stop at Heligoland. Word of her coming was telegraphed to Bremen and the city was instantly bedazzled.

Messengers were dispatched to homes of the members of the Deutschland's crew and bells were rung throughout the city. Two-thirds of the city's population gave the submariners a great ovation when they drew up to the dock at 7 o'clock. There were affecting scenes when the Deutschland's sailors, pressing through the crowd that swarmed in about them, were greeted by relatives. In some instances families of the submariners knew nothing of their departure on such an adventure.

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BRITISH COAST IS WARNED OF DANGER OF AIR INVASION

London, Aug. 24.—A Zeppelin raided the east coast of England shortly before midnight last night, the war office announced today. No damage was done and there were no casualties.

Last night's Zeppelin visit and others of the past few weeks are believed to have been reconnoitering flights for the purpose of testing England's air defenses, in preparation for a great aerial attack.

For the last fortnight word has been coming from Germany of the construction of huge Zeppelins, capable of carrying several tons of explosives. The German correspondents hinted that these sky dreadnaughts would move against London and Paris during September and October, when weather conditions are apt to be favorable. Zeppelins found the weather so favorable during September of last year that they made five raids on England in that month alone.

The first authentic information concerning the new Zeppelin giants was given to England by Baron Montagu, former vice-chairman of the joint naval and military board, in a speech last night. The new balloons are 780 feet long, can travel 80 miles an hour and can ascend three miles to escape shells from anti-aircraft guns. Each can carry five tons of explosives.

The Germans have completed two of the new airships and will have four others available for raids on England in October, Montagu said.

BLACK RUST MAY CAUSE \$2 WHEAT

Washington, Aug. 24.—Black rust probably will be the cause of sending wheat prices soaring to unheard of levels with the coming of the spring output, according to the United States department of agriculture today. One official said \$2 wheat now appears probable.

One of the most severe epidemics in black rust ever recorded has swept the wheat belt of the northwest, with unprecedented damage, predicting a production far below normal.

Reports arriving at the department not only substantiate the predictions of government experts, but, it is said, tend to place the loss at a far greater figure, with correspondingly higher prices certain for the fall and winter.

The infected area—Minnesota and the two Dakotas—produce, it is said, the greater part of the spring crop.

UTAH CROWDS SEE REPUBLICAN LEADER

Ogden, Utah, Aug. 24.—Candidate Hughes today headed into Utah, the state which four years ago gave Taft one of his two republican majorities.

In his morning speech here, Governor Hughes enlarged on his dissertation regarding the democratic tariff policy, with special reference to the sugar tariff. Utah is a beet sugar producing state and the republican nominee's thrust at the democrats was received with enthusiasm.

The tariff, federal employers' liability law and workmen's compensation and his own labor record were discussed by Hughes in his address. At Reno last night. He discoursed on the necessity of co-operation between capital and labor and declared "contented America will be a successful America."

Hughes also declared in favor of a "world court" to settle controversies between nations after the present war in Europe ends.

8-HOUR DAY SPLITS R. R. CHIEFS

Climax in Efforts to Avert Strike Thought Pending Today—Hints of Clash in Conference of Railway Heads

Washington, Aug. 24.—The climax in the negotiations to prevent the threatened general railroad strike appeared to have been reached at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

At that hour the sub-committee of eight railroad presidents, representing the greatest systems of the country, met with the full committee of 65 railway executives, to put up for discussion a tentative plan of settlement.

This plan included acceptance of an eight-hour day proposition, similar, at least, to that proposed by President Wilson. The railroad presidents, if the eight-hour day is granted, want from the president assurances of immediate consideration by the interstate commerce commission of requests for rate increases, remedial legislation for the railroads by congress and the creation of a permanent commission to settle further labor disputes.

A big clash among the presidents was confidently predicted. A first indication of this broke out during the sessions this morning, when a discussion of possible terms of settlement resulted in strong declarations from some of the most prominent executives against acceptance of any peace proposal which included an eight-hour day such as offered by President Wilson.

As a result, one of the leading executives after the conference broke up said the situation "looked very serious."

After conferring with President Wilson today, Judge Chambers, of the federal board of mediation and conciliation, discussed with the sub-committee of executives what they had in mind regarding the settling of labor troubles in the future. There was a determined fight against acceptance of a proposal involving an

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U. S. OFFICIAL DECLARES HIGH COST OF LIVING ONLY TEMPORARY CONDITION

Washington, Aug. 24.—The super-high cost of living is not here to stay, is purely commercial and readily traceable to the basic laws of supply and demand. This was the statement of Leon M. Estabrook, chief of the United States bureau of crop estimates, authority on food supplies.

While the prices of food should be properly expected to advance commensurate with the rising prosperity of the country to keep pace with the general rise in prices on all commodities, the present abnormal prices on many food staples will adjust themselves with another season, Estabrook said.

Soaring prices of grain, he said, are directly due to the big falling off in production in almost every class, taken in with the bumper outputs of the past two years.

The sudden decrease in production this year has naturally sent prices skyward. The jump in the price of beans from five cents last year to 11 cents now is another example, Estabrook said, of increased demand from the armies in Europe and on the Mexican border, with curtailed production, due to unfavorable weather conditions.

BULGARIANS SLUG WAY TO SOUTH

Greek Territory Is Entered and Small Allied Outpost Forces are Driven Back On Main Line of Defense

Berlin, Aug. 24.—Bulgarian forces defeated the enemy in fresh fighting on the Struma river, the Anglo-French troops escaping by flight on the right bank, said a Bulgarian official statement received here today. In their flight the allies abandoned several hundred dead.

"The Greek villages of Enikuey, Mevory and Towlova were covered with enemy dead," the statement continued. "We have counted thus far 400 enemy corpses, among them several officers. We captured 250 prisoners."

A squad of hostile cavalry, lured into our fire by the maneuvers of our infantry, was entirely annihilated.

"French attacks south of Doiran have failed completely. This is probably why General Sarraill reports of places which always have been in the hands of the allies, like the railroad station at Doiran and the village of Doloudyell, which has now been abandoned by the allies. Our troops buried 50 French dead on this sector."

On the right bank of the Vardar we captured a hostile detachment near Nayaadagn and took one machine gun, the French leaving 70 dead. Our right wing continues its operations."

TEXAS VILLAGE BEING DESTROYED BY FIRE

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 24.—The village of Carrollton, 14 miles north of here, was reported to be in danger of total destruction by fire at 4:15 this afternoon. The flames were said to be beyond control and nearby cities were preparing to send aid. The origin of the fire was unknown and details were lacking, as all wires were down.

D. D. Dodge went to Medford this morning on a brief business trip.

GREAT DEFEAT OF TURKS REPORTED BY SLAV FORCES

Petrograd, Aug. 24.—Slav troops have defeated four divisions of Turks (80,000 men) in a great battle near the village of Rachtia, near Mosul, capturing two entire Turkish regiments, it was officially announced today. Much cannon and other booty were taken.

MEXICAN COMMISSIONERS LEAVE FOR BORDER

Mexico City, Aug. 24.—The first preliminary meeting of the Mexican and American commissioners will be held in New York, at the Biltmore hotel, September 4, it was announced this afternoon following the call of Diplomatic Agent Rodgers on Foreign Minister Aguilar.

The Mexican commissioners will leave Mexico City Saturday for the United States, it was announced. Rodgers called at the foreign office to officially inform the Mexican government of the selection of the American commissioners by President Wilson.

WILL SOON ASK BIDS ON FOUR SUPER-DREADNAUGHTS

Washington, Aug. 24.—When the navy bill is signed by President Wilson next week the navy department will advertise immediately for bids for four super-dreadnaughts. Bidding will close two months later. About the same time, October 1, plans for the new battle cruisers will be completed, the department hopes, and bids will then be asked on these, with a two months' limit.

LAD SHOTS OWNERS AND STEALS FARM

Olathe, Kas., Aug. 24.—Roy Dudley, arrested late yesterday, charged with the killing of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mueller on their farm near Stillwell, 17 miles southeast of here, admitted the killing today, officials said. Dudley is reported to have said he quarreled with Mueller over a team of mules and that Mueller attacked him. To defend himself, Dudley claims to have grabbed a shotgun that was hanging over the barn door and shot Mueller, then when Mrs. Mueller attempted to interfere he shot her. Dudley did the shooting Sunday, took possession of the place and hired a boy to help him with the farm work, and then tried to sell part of the wheat crop Mueller had raised. The double murder was discovered when Sheriff Carroll went to Stillwell to arrest Dudley on a charge of stealing the wheat. Carroll believes the crime was planned by Dudley.

Dudley is said to have tied the bodies together and dragged them to an abandoned house a quarter of a mile distant, where he hid the bodies in the cellar. Dudley is an ex-convict. When neighbors questioned him as to why he was running the farm alone, he said that the Muellers had gone on a trip to California.

THOUSANDS GREET COOS BAY VISITORS

Marshfield, Aug. 24.—Portland visitors to the Coos Bay railway jubilee were greeted by a crowd of more than 3,000 persons when they arrived at North Bend today. Hundreds arrived at Marshfield by automobile. The machines formed a continuous stream. Other crowds came on special trains from all parts of the country. It was evident the jubilee would be attended by one of the biggest gatherings in southwestern Oregon's history.

COUNTY FAIR PLANS ARE ENLARGED

Co-operation of C. & O. C Railway Puts Noted Agricultural Speaker on Program—Adds to Premiums

Active co-operation on the part of the California and Oregon Coast Railway company with the Josephine county fair board has resulted in enlarged plans for this year's annual show which will lift the affair from a local plane to one of great interest throughout all southern Oregon. Through the personal efforts of Vice-President R. B. Miller, of the C. & O. C., one of the most highly reputed agriculture lecturers in the northwest, C. L. (Farmer) Smith, agriculturist of the Union Pacific system, is to be here to deliver addresses during the first two days of the fair. In addition to this, the railroad company has added one hundred dollars in prizes to the premium list already published, and plans are on foot to designate one day as "Portland Day," at which time it is intended to have a representation present from the Rose City to see at first hand the new life with which the valley of the Rogue is bubbling.

The new prize allotment gives some awards which had not before been made and adds to some others. For competition in the best ten ears of corn there are five new prizes, \$15, \$10, \$5, \$3, and \$2. A \$5 award is to be made for the best single ear of corn, and the best bundle of ensilage corn, consisting of 20 stalks, will get another \$5, with \$3 and \$2 second and third awards. The best dairy cow of any breed wins a \$20 first prize, with second and third prizes of \$10 and \$5. The best bull of any breed, two years or over, takes a \$15 prize.

Two addresses by Mr. Smith, the Union Pacific agriculturist, have now been definitely planned. The first will be on the evening of September 19, the first day of the fair, to business men and others. It will probably be given in Railroad park. On the next day, at 1:30 p. m., he will make an address particularly for farmers, at the fair grounds.

Mr. Smith will judge the agricultural display on the 19th.

Mr. Smith's presence here at the time arranged is made possible

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SALES ON MARKET HOLD GRAINS LOWER

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Continued selling pressure forced further declines in the wheat market today, despite bullish advices and cables. Fractional gains were made after the dip, but these were lost when bears started selling heavily. September was down below the opening 1 1/4 at 1.43 1/2; December down 1 1/4 at 1.51 1/2, and May down 1/4 at 1.55 1/2.

The corn market rallied after an easy opening, active buying in December corn giving the market good support. Reports from Kansas indicate that the corn production there will be about one-third of last year. September was up 1/4 at 85 1/2; December up 1/4 at 74 1/2, and May up 1/4 at 77 1/2.

Oats were slow and there was slight easing off in December and May futures, after making early gains. September was up above the opening 1/4 at 45 1/2; December unchanged at 45 1/2 and May unchanged at 52 1/2. Provisions were higher.